

REMARKS

The applicants elect, with traverse, at least the methods of claims 1-16 and 49-51. The Examiner is also requested to examine the agent of claims 17-32 with these methods and thus examination of the claims of the Examiner's Group I is requested.

The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned in the event anything further is required in this regard.

With regard to the Examiner's species election requirement, the applicants elect the following for purposes of initial examination:

Species A) of § 6. on page 3 of the Office Action dated June 20, 2007;

SEQ ID NO:18, as recited in claim 13, as amino acid sequence of VH in response to §7. i);

SEQ ID NO:21, as recited in claim 13, as amino acid sequence of VL in response to §7. ii);

SEQ ID NOs:7, 8 and 9, as recited in claim 11, as amino acid sequences of CDR1, CDR2 and CDR3 of VH in response to §7. iii);

SEQ ID NOs:10, 11 and 12, as recited in claim 11, as amino acid sequences of CDR1, CDR2 and CDR3 of VL in response to §7. iv); and

KM8037 (FERM BP-8084), as recited in claim 15, as one specific transformant or hybridoma that produces the antibody in response to §7. v).

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 49-51 of the above-noted claims 1-16 and 49-51 are believed to read on the elected species. Claims 17-19, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31 and 32 of the above-noted claims 17-32 believed to read on the elected species.

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Rejoinder and allowance of any claim defining a method of making and/or using a product defined by an allowable claim, at an appropriate time, are requested.

An early and favorable Office Action on the merits is requested. In the meantime, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned in the event anything further is required in response to the Office Action of June 20, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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